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DEER AND ELK HUNTING ON FORT SILL

Summary. This circular establishes policies, procedures, and responsibilities concerning the conduct of the deer and elk hunting seasons on Fort Sill.

Applicability. This circular applies to persons who hunt deer or elk on Fort Sill.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Public Works(DPW), Environmental Quality Division (EQD). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to DPW, EQD.

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1. Purpose. This circular sets forth the procedures and dates for the conduct of the deer and elk seasons under authority prescribed in Fort Sill Regulation 200-1.

2. Reference. Required and related publications; and, prescribed and referenced forms, are listed in appendix A.

3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms. Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained, and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2, The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS) and DA Pam 25-403, Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army. Record titles and descriptions are available on the Army Records Information Management System website (<https://www.arims.army.mil/arims/Default.aspx>).

5. General.

a. Hunters will not enter Fort Sill range areas without first physically reporting to Sportsmen Services or Twin Gates (if appropriate). The only gate authorized for use by personnel that have been issued a key through Sportsmen Services for access to

Quanah Range is Twin Gates unless otherwise posted at the Sportsmen Services Center.

b. Each hunter, except gun deer and gun elk hunters, will check in after hunting with Sportsmen Services (either by phone or in person) no later than 1 1/2 hours after official sunset. Gun deer and gun elk hunters must physically return passes after hunting.

c. Guests are prohibited during gun deer season, elk seasons, and opening weekend of muzzleloader deer season. After the first weekend of muzzleloader season sponsor permit holders are permitted one guest per day.

d. Persons less than 12 years of age will not participate in gun deer or muzzleloader deer seasons. An adult (21 years or older) with a valid hunting permit must accompany and positively supervise each hunter under 16 years old. Persons under 16 years will not participate in gun elk hunting.

e. If a person harvests an elk during either the archery or gun season, he or she will not be eligible for elk hunting on Fort Sill for 3 years. Hunters are not eligible for gun elk hunting in 2011 if they were drawn and had the opportunity to hunt during the 2008 season or later.

f. All hunters will occupy a deer or elk-hunting slot.

g. Dogs are prohibited for deer or elk hunting.

h. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before official sunrise to 1/2 hour after official sunset.

i. Hunters must physically check harvested deer and elk at Sportsmen Services prior to departing for residences or other non-hunting activities. Authorized personnel will take information from harvested deer and elk and carcass tags will be issued. Carcass tags must remain with the carcass through processing and/or storage at commercial processing or storage facilities. Authorized personnel may also collect non-edible and non-trophy defacing biological materials from checked animals.

j. The DPW Natural Resources Administrator may change bag limits, close hunting areas, restrict weapons, or take any measures deemed necessary if data indicates an undesirable harvest of deer or elk.

k. During muzzleloader and gun deer/elk season, certain roads are closed to hunters unless they are recovering a harvested deer or elk. Open roads are indicated on the Sportsmen's Road Restriction Map posted at Sportsmen Services and Twin Gates during deer/elk gun seasons .

l. Telemetric radio tracking devices on arrows are permitted for deer or elk hunting, however, thermal tracking devices are not authorized.

m. All-Terrain-Vehicles (ATVs) are permitted only to retrieve dead deer, hogs or elk. All Fort Sill ATV riders must follow AR 385-10, "The Army Safety Program, dated 23 August 2007."

n. Hunters who are 60 years of age or older, may use a crossbow. Hunters who have a permanent disability to the extent that they cannot use a conventional longbow, as certified by a licensed physician, may hunt with a crossbow. A person who qualifies to use a crossbow must have written evidence certified by a physician or proof of age in their possession while in the field. Hunters may not transport crossbows in a motor vehicle unless uncocked or disassembled. Crossbows are required to have a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds and be equipped with safety devices. Leverage gaining devices are permitted. Arrows for crossbows must be a minimum of 14 inches in length and equipped with broad head hunting type points not less than 7/8 inches wide. Laser sights are prohibited.

o. Hunters must remove the entire carcass (excluding viscera, hide, and bones) from the range. Violations of this regulation carry a \$500 fine. Hunters may obtain permission for assistance in packing out their kill. Before going to the range area these individuals must first obtain one parking pass and access pass from the Sportsmen Services Center (Building 1459).

6. License Requirements.

a. Oklahoma State Licenses: Fort Sill hunters must possess, while hunting, all applicable state licenses required by the State of Oklahoma for each hunting season (see current year Oklahoma Hunting Guide). Hunters may use an unfilled antlered license to harvest an antlered or antlerless deer on Fort Sill. Hunters using an antlerless only license may only harvest an antlerless deer. Applicants will obtain and show proof of applicable licenses and tags prior to registration for deer drawings, or signing out to hunt, whichever is pertinent. State lifetime license holders and Senior Citizen Licenses are exempt from the purchase of the annual state hunting license, deer, elk, and turkey licenses, Oklahoma waterfowl license and the fur license. Unless exempt, hunters 35 years of age and younger are reminded that on Fort Sill a state hunter safety certificate is required to purchase a deer, elk or turkey license. Fort Sill does not recognize state apprentice designation license for deer, elk or turkey.

b. Fort Sill Permits: In addition to state licenses, all hunters must also possess a Fort Sill Hunting Permit on their person while engaged in hunting activities. **Elk hunters must purchase their Fort Sill Elk Permit only at the Sportsmen Services Center (Building 1458).**

7. Hunting Dates.

a. Archery deer season dates are in effect except when such dates conflict with gun deer season. Archery hunters may hunt in the designated archery only areas during deer gun season.

b. Deer and Elk Season dates are listed in table 1-1 below

TABLE 1-1

Deer and Elk Season Dates 2011-2012

SEASONS	OCT				NOV				DEC				JAN			
ELK ARCHERY	1-7															
DEER ARCHERY	1 Oct -15 Jan (1-15 Jan antlerless only)															
DEER YOUTH GUN		8-9														
DEER BLACK POWDER			15 -28													
DEER/ELK GUN WK 1					12-13											
DEER/ELK GUN WK 2							26-27									
DEER/ELK GUN WK 3								3-4								
DEER/ELK GUN WK 4									10-11							
DEER GUN WK 5										17-18						

8. Bag Limits.

a. Bag limits for all four deer seasons (deer archery, youth deer gun, deer muzzleloading and gun deer) combined may include no more than one antlered deer. An antlered deer is a deer with at least 3-inches of antler above the natural hairline on either side. Other deer are considered antlerless. If a hunter's first antlered deer taken is a 2 ½ year old buck or older, then a second buck may be authorized by the DPW Natural Resources Administrator. In order to be eligible for a second buck, the hunter must have their first buck aged by authorized personnel. Hunters must follow all bag limits for each season.

b. Archery Deer Season. Two deer, either sex. Do not harvest more than one deer in a single day. Any changes to bag limits will be posted in a memorandum located in Sportsmen Services, Building 1458.

c. Archery and Gun Elk Seasons. Depending on the status of the elk herd before the hunt, the DPW Natural Resource and Enforcement Branch will post special provisions for this hunt at Sportsmen Services (Building 1458) prior to the season.

d. Muzzleloader Deer Season. One antlered-only deer, unless otherwise authorized by the DPW Natural Resources Administrator. Any changes to bag limits will be posted in a memorandum located in Sportsmen Services (Building 1458).

e. Gun Deer Season. One antlered-only deer, unless otherwise authorized by the DPW Natural Resources Administrator. Any changes to bag limits will be posted in a memorandum located in Sportsmen Services Building 1458. The DPW Natural Resources Administrator will determine if bonus deer licenses will be issued and any special regulations regarding their use. Bonus deer licenses are issued for Fort Sill only. You may not use bonus deer license on the same weekend the first deer is shot. Deer taken on a Fort Sill bonus deer license **do not** count against the state deer limit.

Fort Sill bonus deer **do** count against the limit of one buck on Fort Sill. The harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited during the deer gun season. It is unlawful to kill a white deer without specific written permission of the Director, Oklahoma Wildlife Department and the Fort Sill Natural Resources Administrator.

9. Legal Weapons.

a. Privately-owned firearms and other weapons: Hunters must comply with Fort Sill Reg 190-1, 10 June 2009 (appendix b),

b. Legal means of taking during Archery Deer Season.

(1) Bows: A minimum for 40 pounds draw weight. Any device that permits a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw is prohibited with the exception of the crossbow (if authorized for use). Broadheads: Hunting type points not less than 7/8 wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting this width requirement when fully open.

(2) Crossbows and Mechanical Bow Draw Retention Devices: Allowed only in certain circumstances as stated in paragraph 5n. above.

(3) Illegal Devices: Laser sights

(4) Firearms Restriction: No person may carry or use any firearm in conjunction with archery equipment during the archery season while hunting deer or elk.

c. Legal means of taking during Muzzleloader Deer Season. Muzzleloader hunters may use muzzleloaders or archery equipment, but only one weapon may be carried afield.

(1) Muzzleloader: .40 caliber or larger; flintlock or percussion cap or shotgun primer; single slug or ball; blackpowder, Pyrodex or modern smokeless powder; double barreled muzzleloader rifles; in-line muzzleloader rifles; metallic sights and optical sights are legal. Sabot or sabot-like carriers are allowed. Smoothbore muzzleloading shotguns, 20 gauge or larger and firing a single projectile are legal. Breech-loading smoothbore shotguns are prohibited. Muzzleloading pistols are allowed as a secondary firearm but may only be used for killing downed deer.

(2) Archery: Equipment described as legal for deer archery season may be used in a deer muzzleloading slot provided the hunter is using a deer muzzleloading license.

(3) Illegal devices: Blackpowder firearms loaded from the breech, laser sights and light enhancement devices (night scopes) are illegal.

d. Legal means of taking during Youth deer gun Season. Equipment described as legal for deer gun season is legal. See 9d below.

e. Legal means of taking during Gun Deer Season.

(1) Shotgun-only areas: Shotgun only areas include all of east range, D and E areas, F1, G1, H3, K1, K3, K4 on west range, and all of Quanah Range. You may use 20 gauge or larger, firing a single slug. Muzzleloading rifles as described in paragraph 9b(1) above are authorized weapons for any gun area during gun season. Handguns are authorized if chambered for a .24 caliber or larger, 100 grain or heavier, soft-nosed bullet having an overall cartridge case length of at least 1 1/4 inches and no longer than 1.7 inches, with barrel length no less than 4 or greater than 10 inches. Handguns chambered for ammunition developed for rifles are prohibited in shotgun only areas.

(2) Rifle areas (if authorized): During deer gun season rifle areas include H1, H2, H4, H5, I areas, J areas, and K2. The Natural Resources Administrator may authorize rifles meeting Oklahoma state requirements. You may also use handguns or shotguns meeting Oklahoma state requirements and muzzleloading rifles as described in paragraph 9b(1) above in areas designated as rifle areas during gun deer season.

(3) Archery: Equipment described as legal for deer archery season may be used in a deer gun area provided the hunter is using a deer gun license and filling a deer gun slot. Crossbows and Mechanical Bow Draw Retention Devices: Allowed only in certain circumstances as stated in paragraph 5n above.

(4) Illegal devices: Fully automatic firearms, silencers and Laser sights and light enhancement devices known as night scopes are prohibited.

f. Legal means of taking during Archery Elk Season.

(1) Bow: A minimum of 55 pounds draw weight. Hand held releases are legal.

(2) Crossbows and Mechanical Bow Draw Retention Devices: Allowed only in certain circumstances as stated in paragraph 5n above.

(3) Illegal Devices: Laser sights

g. Legal means of taking during Elk Gun season.

(1) Rifle areas (if authorized): During elk gun season rifle areas include H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, I areas, J areas, and K2. Hunters in rifle areas using rifles must use centerfire rifles with a cartridge that produces 1,400 foot-pounds of energy at 300 yards. This number can be found by consulting the energy levels published by cartridge manufacturers. Examples of popular deer hunting cartridges not legal under these rules are 243, 30-30, 35 Remington, and 30-06 with 125-grain factory loads (30-06 with heavier bullets are legal). If challenged, hunters must be able to prove that their cartridges are legal. You may use shotguns, 12 gauge or larger using slugs, or muzzleloading rifles .50 caliber or larger in all gun areas. Gun elk hunters will not carry more than 5 bullets in the field.

(2) Shotgun only areas : During elk gun season shotgun only areas include D and E areas, F1, G1, K1, K3, K4, and all of Quanah Range. You may use shotguns, 12 gauge or larger using slugs, or muzzleloading rifles .50 caliber or larger. Gun elk hunters will not carry more than 5 bullets in the field.

(3) Illegal devices: Fully automatic firearms, silencers and Laser sights and light enhancement devices known as night scopes are prohibited.

10. Clothing Requirements.

a. Daylight Fluorescent Orange. All hunters participation in any Fort Sill deer or elk season using a firearm (muzzleloader or gun) must conspicuously wear **both** a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling at least 400 square inches of hunter orange. Camouflage hunter orange is legal as long as there is at least 400 square inches of hunter orange.

b. Other. All other hunters, except those hunting waterfowl, crow or crane, or while hunting furbearing animals at night, must wear **either** a head covering or upper garment of hunter orange clothing while hunting during any Fort Sill deer or elk firearms (muzzleloader or gun) season in any hunting area (zone, county or area). Archery deer hunters in archery only or small game and archery only areas are not required to wear hunter orange.

11. Procedures for Deer Hunting

a. Archery Deer Hunting.

(1) Each hunter will obtain from Sportsmen Services one hunting area permit (an area is designated by a letter and a number [(example "Area C2")] prior to hunting. These are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

(2) Archers may also hunt in the archery only areas as indicated on the Sportsmen's Map.

b. Muzzleloading Firearms Hunting. Drawings are used to assign muzzleloading deer hunters to hunting areas that have limited quotas. There will be drawings at noon the day before each day's hunt at Sportsmen Services (Building 1458). Hunters not in the draw can fill any available slots after the drawing on a first-come-first serve basis. Hunters are encouraged to purchase their deer muzzleloading license a minimum of one day prior to the draw they wish to enter.

c. Gun Deer Hunting.

(1) Drawings are used to assign gun deer hunters to hunting areas that have limited quotas.

(2) A short briefing is held before drawings to explain procedures as well as provide up-to-date information. First-time Fort Sill deer hunters are strongly encouraged to attend this briefing.

(3) Hunters must register in person for deer gun drawings at Sportsmen Services. Registration for the first drawing is 1 September– 25 October with the first drawing held immediately following the elk drawing (approximately 1830) on 26 October. Drawing locations are posted at the Sportsmen Services Center (Building 1458). Hunters must possess post hunting permit prior to registering for the drawing. One person may register for a party of up to 4 hunters who plan to hunt together. To register a party, an individual must have necessary hunting permits/licenses to complete a registration form. Hunters may only register on **one** form.

(4) Registration forms will include area preferences for those who cannot attend the drawing to personally select hunting areas. Forms will also include range preferences to assist officials in assigning persons to suitable areas, should their preferences be unavailable.

(5) Hunters may register as a party (up to four persons) or individually, but not both. If a party is drawn, there must be an area with enough openings to accommodate the entire party, or DPW will assign the party on the next available date. Parties may not split after registration is closed.

(6) An unbiased committee comprised of one sportsman from the audience and a Fish and Wildlife Branch employee will monitor drawings. This committee shall take action on any irregularities. Committee decisions will be expedient and final.

(7) Hunters are also eligible for later 1-day hunts through drawings for slots that were not filled previously. Additional drawings for these later hunts are scheduled on an "as needed" basis.

(8) Hunters must reactivate their registration form each week to remain eligible for later drawings. Persons can complete reactivation by contacting Sportsmen Services, in person or by phone, between 0800 Monday through 1200 Wednesday after a deer gun hunt weekend. These later drawings are held at 1700 on the Wednesday before the hunt weekend. Hunters can call after 1200 on Thursday after the Wednesday drawing to find what areas they drew. Only hunters that have reactivated their registration are included in these later drawings. Hunters that are not in the drawing are eligible for any available area on a standby basis beginning at 0530 on the day of the hunt (see 12 below). Other procedures used are the same as the initial drawing. Hunters who have harvested a deer during the gun deer season are not eligible for these later drawings. They are only eligible for standby hunting.

(9) If enough gun deer hunters do not register to fill all range vacancies on any given weekend, we may close the unused portion of the range to deer gun hunting and open to other hunters. The DPW Natural Resources Administrator will select those

areas to be open to other hunters. Information on these areas will be available by 1200 on Friday of each week. Archery only areas are open for archery hunting during deer gun season.

(10) Hunters assigned to East and West ranges will report to Sportsmen Services after 0400 on the day of their hunt to pick up area permits prior to hunting. Quanah Range hunters will report directly to Twin Gates at the same times. DPW will reassign any hunter's permit that is not picked up by 0530 to standby hunters unless prior arrangements have been made for a later pick-up.

(11) Beginning at 0530 on each hunt day DPW will issue areas that are forfeited by hunters for any reason to hunters on standby basis. DPW will use the following priority on a standby basis within each category:

- (a) Active Duty soldiers
- (b) Other deer hunters.

(12) Hunters desiring standby on East or West ranges will personally sign up at Sportsmen Services each hunt day, while those desiring Quanah Range will personally sign up at Twin Gates. Standby list sign up will begin at 0400 and end by 0530. Duty personnel will conduct a drawing at 0530 to establish the official standby list. DPW will place hunters desiring to stand by after the 0530 drawing at the end of the official list on a first-come-first-served basis. Hunters do not have to personally "standby" once this official list is established. However, if a person at the head of the list is not personally on-site when an opening occurs, DPW will not consider him or her for that particular opening.

(13) Drawn hunters may exchange hunting dates and areas by mutual consent. Hunters wishing to exchange areas must come to Sportsmen Services together and initial off on the exchange prior to hunt date.

(14) Shotgun deer hunters will have no ammunition other than shotgun slugs in their possession.

(15) During deer gun season, the only legal game for deer hunters is deer, hogs, and coyotes.

12. Procedures for Elk Hunting.

a. Archery Elk Hunting.

(1) Elk are legal on West and Quanah ranges on 1-7 October 2011. DPW does not allow elk hunting east of Apache Gate Road.

(2) Each hunter will obtain from Sportsmen Services one range pass prior to hunting. DPW will limit the number of archers allowed to hunt per area (K1, J2, L5, N4, etc.).

(3) Drawings will be held at noon the day before each day's hunt at Sportsmen Services (Building 1458). Archery elk hunters must purchase and show proof of an elk permit before putting in for the drawing.

(4) Elk permits are either sex. Archery elk season on a specific range will cease the following day if that range's quota is harvested.

(5) Hunters must remove the entire carcass (excluding viscera, hide, and bones) from the range. Violations of this regulation carry a \$500 fine (wanton waste). Hunters may obtain assistance in packing out their kill as described in paragraph 5o.

(6) Archery elk hunter quotas will not affect archery deer hunter quotas. Thus, archers in any given area may be hunting deer, elk, or both (if they have both licenses). Archers hunting both deer and elk on the same day must have both written on their checkout pass. Hunters may not harvest both a deer and an elk on the same day.

b. Gun Elk Hunting.

(1) Sign-up for the gun elk drawing in person at the Sportsmen Center. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older with a limit of one hunter per application. Registration will be 1 September- 25 October. The elk drawing will be held on Wednesday, 26 October at 1700. This elk drawing is for all 4 weekends.

(2) Hunters drawn for a gun elk hunt will be ineligible for gun elk hunting on Fort Sill for 3 years, unless prevented from hunting by closed season, closed hunting area, or other legitimate reason as determined by the Fish and Wildlife Council. Hunters are not eligible for gun elk hunting in 2011 if they were drawn and had the opportunity to hunt during the 2008 season or later.

(3) DPW will allow successfully drawn applicants to select either antlered or antlerless-only permits on West range or either-sex permits on Quanah Range. On each hunt weekend, West Range will have 10 antlerless and 5 antlered permits available and Quanah Range 8 either-sex permits available. Successful applicants will also select a hunt area on West Range or compartment on Quanah Range for the weekend drawn. If selected applicants are not present at the drawing, DPW will fill areas using the 5 priority areas and the choice of sex listed. If all 5 areas listed are filled, we will select the area using a standard method of filling the first vacant area in the following order: K4, K3, K2, K1, J3, J2, J1, I2, I1, H5, H4, H3, H2, H1, F1, E3, E2, D3, D2, D1, L, M, and N compartments.

(4) Hunters selected for each elk gun weekend must attend a briefing at 1200 at the Sportsman Services Center the Friday prior to their weekend hunt. Unless prior arrangements are made, hunters will forfeit this hunt if he or she fails to attend this

briefing. This briefing will cover all regulations and safety aspects expected of elk hunters.

(5) DPW limits hunters on West Range to one hunter per area (I1, I2, J1, D2, etc.). DPW limits hunters on Quanah Range to three hunters per L and N compartment and two hunters in M compartment. Successful hunters must purchase their elk permits prior to 1200 Friday before their weekend, or they will lose their elk hunting privileges. Elk hunting will cease the following weekend after harvest quotas are attained. Hunters will draw for a 1-weekend period.

(6) Drawn elk hunters assigned to West Range will receive their range pass at the noon briefing at the Sportsman Services Center the Friday prior to their weekend hunt. Quanah Range hunters will report directly to Twin Gates after 0400 on the day of their hunt to pick up range pass prior to hunting. DPW will assign any elk hunter's area pass that is not picked up by 0600 to drawn standby elk hunters unless prior arrangements have been made for a later pick-up.

(7) Elk hunters must remain on the range they were initially drawn for. Drawn Elk hunters desiring to change areas on West Range will personally sign up at Sportsmen Services each hunt day, while those desiring to change areas on Quanah Range will personally sign up at Twin Gates. Drawn elk hunters desiring to change areas must sign up no earlier than 0400 and not later than 0520 on the day of the hunt. At 0520 a drawing will be held to establish the official list. Anyone intending to be placed on the list after 0520 will be added to the end. As slots become available personnel will verbally call out names on the official list. If the hunter is not present when his or her name is called the next person on the list will be called.

(8) Elk hunters will be hunting in areas occupied by deer hunters.

(9) Persons are fully responsible for any accidental killing or wounding of illegal elk. The taking of an illegal elk will result in a revocation of hunting privileges.

(10) During elk gun season, the only legal game for drawn elk hunters is elk, hogs, and coyotes.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

Fort Sill Reg 200-1

Recreational Use, Management, Harvest, and Protection of Natural Resources.

USAFACFS Reg 200-2

Environmental Protection and Enhancement.

Fort Sill Circular 200-08-01

Hunting and Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits

Section II Related Publications

Fort Sill Circular 15-08-01

Fish and Wildlife Council

Section III Prescribed Forms

FS Form 426

Deer Registration

Section IV Referenced Forms

DA Form 2028

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

AR
Army Regulation

ATV
All-terrain-vehicles

DA
Department of the Army

DPW
Directorate of Public Works

EQ
Environmental Quality

FS
Fort Sill

Section II Terms

This section contains no entries.

Section III Special Abbreviations and Terms

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